

UCC Staff Profile

Name:

Simon Warne

Job title/role:

Course Leader and Lecturer in Musical Theatre

Subjects taught/administrative responsibilities:

Simon teaches the following modules: Musical Theatre Ensemble Singing, Solo Singing, Acting Through Song and Critical Studies. He is the musical director for the university musicals, showcases, cabarets and other course productions.

Qualifications and Membership of Professional bodies:

BA (Hons) Music
Colchester Institute (Anglia Polytechnic)
PGCE Further Education
University Centre Colchester (UoE)
MA Education
University Centre Colchester (UoE)
EdD Stage 1
Anglia Ruskin University

Experience in Education:

Before joining University Centre Colchester, Simon combined his role as a lay clerk at Chelmsford Cathedral with working as a choral animateur for Essex Music Services' choral development and peripatetic singing team in primary and secondary education.

Recent university productions include Spring Awakening, Godspell, Urinetown, Honk, All Shook Up, Big Fish, Zimbe and Mass in Blue.

Biography and personal interests:

Simon is an experienced choral director and workshop leader, who works with a diverse range of advanced, and community-based choirs including regular direction of the



Essex County Youth Choirs. He now combines his knowledge of traditional choral music with an in depth understanding of voice and physiology, through his wide experience of the Estill Model. He has studied with leading practitioners of the Estill Model, including his tutor Anne-Marie Speed to an Estill Master Trainer Level.

Professional practice / research interests:

Simon's research interests connect to his postgraduate studies and his role as a trade unionist. Topics include scaffolding reflective practice, developing reflective writing, democratic approaches to learning, workload management and the role of trade unions in education.

Current projects:

Simon is currently the Chair of the local University and College Union branch. He is a regular member of regional and national meetings including specific Further Education conferences. Simon has developed a strong understanding of the Union processes and environment and presents branch issues into regional discussions and decisions. Simon is an experienced negotiator and caseworker.